Army in Sri Lanka, are being taken care of well by Indian Government through the State;

(b) whether there have been any instances recently of protest, demonstrations and road roko by the Sri Lankan refugees in Ramanathapuram District in Tamil Nadu against the State Government, alleging ill-treatment, corruption, sex insults, etc.; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures taken and whether they are adequate and effective?

THE MINISTER OF STAE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On 07.07.2006 due to some dispute between the refugees and an N.G.O. and the alleged assault of a young boy apprehended for theft by the NGO and handed over to the police, the refugees in the Mandapam camp went on a road roko agitation. The matter was amicably settled followig intervention of revenue and police officials.

State Rural Road Development Agency

*584. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make the State Rural Road Development Agencies responsible for proper utilization of funds sanctioned for rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and closely monitor the progress of work and have regular review meetings with the implementing agencies;

(b) whether till October, 2006 as many as 57,444 road projects, worth Rs. 34,584.52 crores were sanctioned and Rs. 19,915.69 crores were released; and

(c) if so, what is the total number of roads covered under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) According to the Programme Guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), each State is required to identify a State level autonomous agency called the State Rural Road

Development Agency (SRRDA) with a distinct legal status for the implementation of the programme. The SRRDA is required to function as the dedicated agency of the State Nodal Department for rural roads to ensure integrated development of the rural roads through the various schemes including PMGSY. The SRRDA is responsible for ensuring proper utilization of funds sanctioned under the programme and is accordingly required to monitor the progress of implementation of the scheme.

(b) and (c) Till 30.9.2006, 57389 road projects of Rs. 35,656.93 crore were sanctioned and a sum of Rs. 19,118.85 crore was released. Upto the end of March, 2007, 63667 road works amounting to Rs. 44,661.91 crore have been cleared covering a road length of 2,20,956.31 km. Till 31.3.2007, Rs. 22527.65 crore have been released, 39045 road works having 120577.24 km of road length completed and an expenditure of Rs. 21025.97 crore has been incurred.

Cases of attack of minorities

*585. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of attack on minorities have been increasing of late;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to contain the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the State Governments are primarily responsible for registration, investigation of crime and maintenance of law and order. Relevant data, in this regard, is also maintained by the States. The complaints received from members belonging to minority communities are referred to concerned State Governments for action.

As per available information, the details of communal incidents (combined *i.e.*, Hindu-Muslim and incidents involving Christians) and the persons killed and injured therein during the last three years and current year (January to April) are given below: